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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 25, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 1-10 and 12-22 were pending and were rejected. With this response, all claims are unchanged. For the reasons discussed below, it is respectfully believed that claims 1-10 and 12-22 are in condition for allowance.

On page two of the Office Action, claims 1-10 and 12-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Graeve (U.S. Patent No. 6,475,270). To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the prior art reference must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. In *re Vaeck*, 20 U.S.P.Q.2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991); M.P.E.P. §2143. Applicant respectfully submits that the evidence of record in the latest Office Actions are insufficient to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness. In particular, it is respectfully submitted that the Graeve reference simply does not teach or suggest all of the elements recited in independent claims 1, 12 and 22.